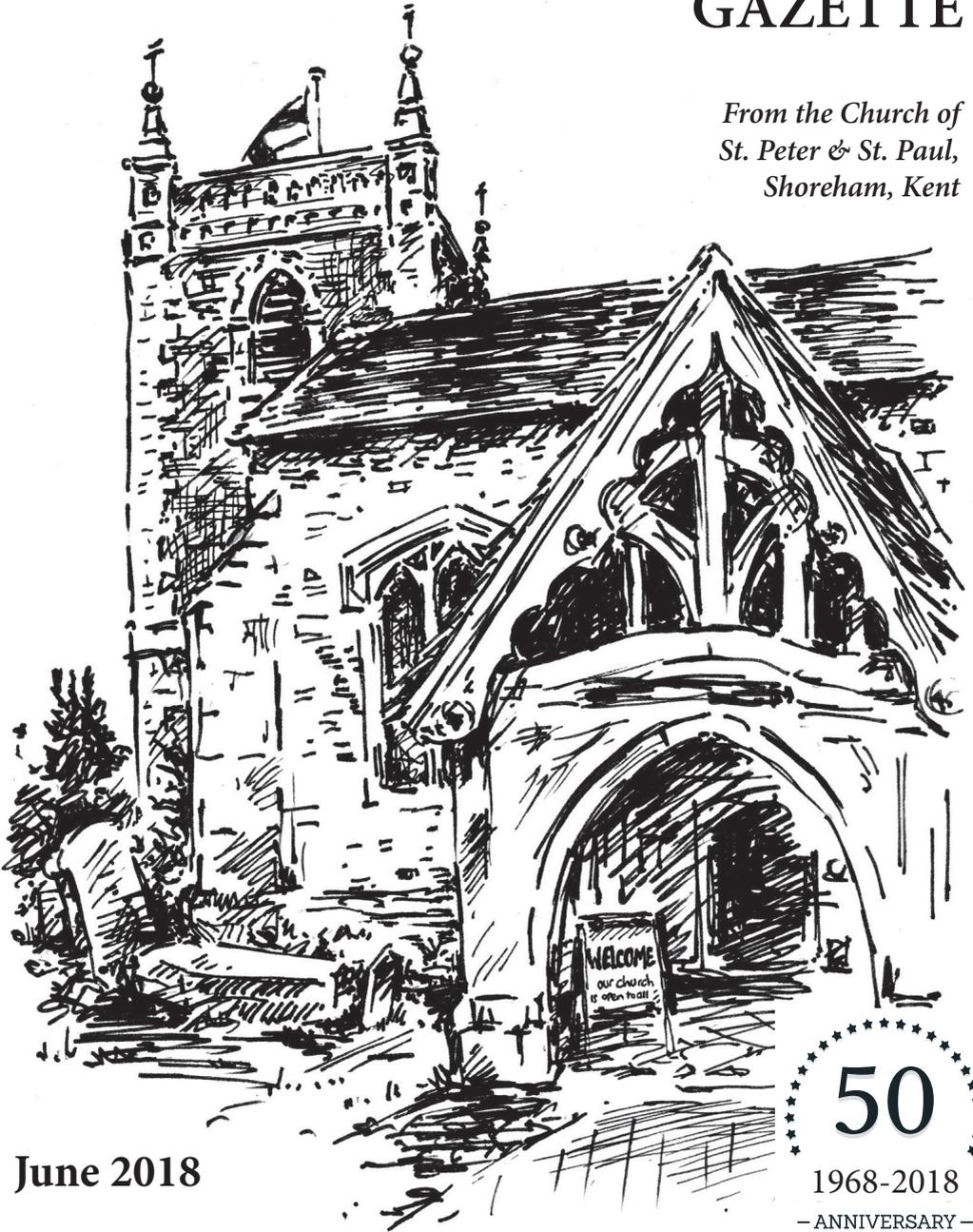


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3rd June – 1st Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Eucharist

6.00pm Evening Prayer

10th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Communion

10.30am Short Eucharist with Taizé music

No evening service - Shoreham Singers Concert

17th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Eucharist

6.00pm Songs of Praise

24th June – Birth of John the Baptist

8.00am BCP Communion

10.30am All-age-Service

6.00pm Compline



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PARTNERSHIPS & CONNECTIONS

In November 1872 Verney Lovett Cameron left Shoreham, where his father was the Vicar, and began his long journey to Africa, where he was intending to join the great explorer David Livingstone. Sadly, as I am sure many of you know, he discovered two months later that David Livingstone had died and that his body was on the way back to Westminster Abbey. (Coincidentally, Westminster Abbey happen to be the Patrons of the church here in Shoreham). Verney decided to collect Livingstone's belongings and send them back to the United Kingdom, together with letters and journals for his own family back at home. He then continued his journey, walking the four thousand km from the East to the West coast of Africa.

It makes our 1500 km pilgrimage from Le Puy in France to Santiago de Compostela look rather tame in comparison, especially as we have don't need the ninety two bearers and thirty four soldiers carrying food, lengths of English cotton and beads to use for bartering on the journey! Verney's homecoming, a couple of years later, was recorded by the artist Charles Cope and is depicted in the huge painting at the back of Shoreham church. One of the classes at Shoreham School is, of course, named after his surname, Cameron.

Almost exactly one hundred and forty five years ago Verney would have been walking across what is now the Diocese of Mpwapwa, in Tanzania (about four hundred km from the East coast). The Diocese of Mpwapwa is one of the four overseas dioceses, with which the Diocese of Rochester, of which we are a part, has established a number of partnerships. So now, one hundred and forty five years later, this bit of history is about to become an exciting connection. The intention is, that over the coming weeks, we are hoping to establish some partnership links, between Shoreham parish, Shoreham School, St. Michael's Prep School and a parish/ village, and a school (or possibly two), in Mpwapwa, Tanzania.

These structural diocesan partnerships have been built up over many years, during which strong relationships have been established, which enable the best possible conditions, for new local to local (ie parish to parish), partnerships to be sustained. We are not yet sure how the partnership will develop or exactly what form it will take, although primarily it will be about building relationships and friendships.

It promises to be an exciting (ad) venture.

Revd Diane

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Dementia Awareness Events

To start the conversation during the summer do join us for either of the events

Monday 18th June from 7.30pm to 9.30 pm at Church of The Good Shepherd, Quarry Hill Road, Borough Green TN15 8RE

Saturday 7th July from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm at Otford Parish Church Rooms, The Green, Otford TN14 5PD

Summer Concert Sunday June 10th

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NEWS FROM SHOREHAM VILLAGE SCHOOL

May seems to be the season for getting out and about. Here are some reports from various events that have taken place:

We were all inspired when the whole school walked up to the station to watch our winter Olympic champion, Lizzie Yarnold, drive past in an open top bus. We waited alongside our designated area, waving our Union Jack flags. Eventually they drove slowly past and Lizzy Yarnold was standing at the top of her open top bus, wearing her medals from Sochi 2014 and from Pyeong- Chang 2018 around her neck, waving at us. It was great to see a local Olympian and we hope that one day, in maybe 2026 or 2030, there will be someone from our school in the Olympics.

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The whole school took part in a postponed sponsored walk with Barton walking 1km, Palmer 3km and Moore and Cameron 5km. It was a good chance to see the beautiful views of Shoreham and we were very lucky with the lovely weather. We started our journey up the steep hill towards the Cross, Moore and Cameron then veered along the terrace, down through Water Lane and up the hill. They arrived at the golf course and walked along to the road, through the back of the church, and down alongside the river, then back to school. While Barton walked they were playing Chinese whispers- but we are not sure how successful it was.... somehow 'count the steps' turned into 'carrot sticks'!

Barton had a great time on their school trip to Kent Life. They learned about the animals including how to look after them and what they eat. They met lots of baby animals which they loved; it was funny to see so many babies drinking milk (some from bottles). They learned about plants and how they grow, and even got to plant some carrots! They will use these skills back in school to help look after the allotment and to grow some vegetables from seeds for us to try in class.

Moore class went to Kent Life to learn about the Stone Age. They first met a man who gave them all strange names, taught them the meaning of Stonehenge and how to survive in the wild. They made flour, cave paintings, and then.... two pupils were sacrificed! They were taught the trade and travel system and also how to move stones from Wales to England to make Stonehenge; some of our children had a go!

Written by Cameron Class Pupils

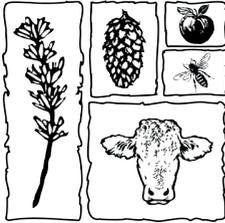
HILLBILLIES TRACTOR CLUB.

Based on East Hill and run out of Porters Farm, the Hillbillies Tractor Club is a group of tractor enthusiasts who enjoy nothing more than meeting up and driving their vintage and classic tractors around the local lanes and across farm tracks. Since its inception back in 2006 the club, through various events, has raised in excess of £12,000 for local and national charities.

You have most probably have seen some of the tractor owners supporting the Shoreham Village Fete, the Woodlands Summer Fete and the Heavy Horse Show. At the Heavy Horse Show they organize a static display of tractors, a parade around the arena with a commentary by David Hodges and a demonstration of ploughing in the lower field as well as helping with setting up the show.

During March this year they held a ploughing match in Knatts Valley where 17 'ploughmen' competed in 2 classes, 2 furrow and 3 furrow. The winner of the 2 furrow competition was Dennis Smith and the winner of the 3 furrow class was Ron Higgins, unfortunately for the third year running Chris Wright picked up the wooden spoon again. Better luck next year Chris!

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The last Road Run the club held was on Sunday 20th May. The tractors left Porters Farm, travelled down through Magpie Bottom then passed through Shoreham village on their way up to Shoreham Woods. This Road Run was in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you to all those people that came out to support them, it really is appreciated.

Previous to this Club members travelled to Mote Farm Ightham to meet up with other tractor owners for a Road Run in aid of the Alzheimer's Society charity. A total of 53 tractors took part in the Road Run raising in excess of £1,200 for research into this dreadful disease. If you have a tractor and would like to join in with the Hillbillies Tractor Club, please contact David Hodges at Porters Farm or catch up with some of the members at the Rising Sun Pub, Cotmans Ash Lane every Thursday night.

Brian Jeffery

SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

As mentioned in last month's edition, the 'Inside Track' publication produced by KCC lists various types of funding or grants which are available to help charitable or community organisations. A new edition of this publication has recently been produced and this can be viewed/downloaded at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-grants-and-funding/inside-track-newsletter>.

The resurfacing of the footpath along the river bank was recently completed. Although the work was undertaken by KCC, the Parish Council contributed towards the cost. We have received several letters of thanks from residents who had been unable to safely navigate the path.

I would like to thank the village children for remaining so patient whilst the goal posts were out of action. The areas between the posts were re-turfed by the Community Payback Scheme and the pitch is now available to play on once again. Please try and make use of the tennis courts this summer. We have revised our pricing structure and the court may be used free of charge for students and under 18s. An honesty box will be available in the shop where adults can make a donation of £5 per play. The court shall remain open all the time so there will be no need to obtain a key.

Following several threads on social media regarding fly-tipping, please rest assured that this is a top priority for the Parish Council. We are currently in discussion about installing covert cameras at several hot spots around the parish in an attempt to catch offenders.

The next Parish Council meeting will at 7.30pm in Shoreham Village Hall on Wednesday 6th June. We would love to see you there so please come along. *Sarah Moon*

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SHOREHAM DUCK RACE 2018

In complete contrast to last year, the weeks prior to the May Day Monday Holiday brought heavy rain, high river water levels followed by a race day bathed in glorious sunshine. Enthusiastic spectators had already begun to gather, as the Duckmobile (suitably duckerated), pulled in to deliver the duck boards to create the holding dam prepared to restrain the competitors on the water. The organising team struggled to hold back energetic ducks, which repeatedly made breakaway attempts before the race had even begun.

After announcing the “Best Dressed” winners and presenting their creators with Design Winner medals, the Duckmaster encouraged the crowd to call the countdown, finally heralding the moment of flock release. The colourful flotilla set off at a record pace with rapid water flows sweeping them past and over those initial river-weed hazard patches. Not only did the ducks wing it downriver at some considerable speed but the family crowds, including the pushchairs and toddlers, were able to move a little faster and more safely along the recently resurfaced footpath. Strong currents, calm winds and buoyant ducks ensured a notably fast race and a competitive finish at Mill Lane Bridge.

Erroneous bird identification skills somehow led to a pink flamingo being allowed to join the other 500 ducks in the race. As we know, flamingos are not renowned for their swimming ability, so it was unsurprising that the flamingo came in an unducknified last.

Best Dressed Ducks - Design Winners 2018:

‘Rescue Duck’	dressed by	Tod Winsor
‘Out for a Duck’	dressed by	Bob Saunders
‘Hold Tight’	dressed by	Priscilla Winn
‘Circus Duck’	dressed by	Imogen McLaren
‘The Three Ducketeers’	dressed by	Dylan, Brody & Ewan
‘Marilyn’ + ‘Reggie Rasta’ + ‘Baby Bowist’	dressed by	Alana, Elise & Alan Grant
‘Capt. Quacksmith of the Titanic’ + ‘Rescue Duck’	dressed by	Etty & Tod Winsor

Race Winners 2018:

Gold Medal WINNER	‘Spring’	trained by	Ryan Mallett
Silver Medal Runner-Up	‘Spike’	trained by	Harriet Eldridge
Bronze Medal Third	‘Stanley Duck’	trained by	Stanley Lester

As ever, thanks to the small army of over 40 volunteers who had ducknated their time to make sure the day ran efficiently to provide fun and enjoyment. A special note of thanks to the cake bakers and tea makers who, at last minute, stepped in to provide some very welcome after-race refreshments. The Shoreham Society will report how it has used the money raised in a future Gazette.

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Vanessa Welch

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Come along and join us at the village hall on Saturday 23rd June for the first of our summer shows. As well as horticultural exhibits, there are classes for cooking, flower arranging, craft and children's classes, we have a photography class which we would like to encourage you to enter. If you are unable to print your picture, please email it to us on the address below and we will print it for you. There is something for everyone so why not come along and join us. If you would like to request a show schedule, please contact shorehamhortsoc@gmail.com

Schedules will be also be available from the village store approximately two weeks before the show.

Entries can be staged at the hall between 10.00am and 12.00pm prompt, please try to register your entry with Sylvie Poynter beforehand as this helps us on the day. Contact details are on the schedule. Doors will be open to the public at 2.00pm when you will be able to see the show and enjoy a drink and homemade cake. Prize giving will take place at 3.30pm. There will also be a display of artwork from the school children. We look forward to welcoming both seasoned and new members to the society or just drop in for tea and homemade cakes during the afternoon.

Sharon Desmond - Show Secretary

SHOREHAM VILLAGE STORES

Summer supplies for all ages await at the shop this June – fresh strawberries and raspberries, Taywell real dairy ice cream, fishing nets, the ever-popular range of wines from the Mount Vineyard, ice-cold soft drinks, tickets for summer events, local maps and guidebooks, plus charcoal briquettes and Speldhurst sausages for the barbecue.

Don't forget our shelf of monthly special offers, and our expanded range of snacks, from Eat Real hummus and quinoa chips to gluten-free biscuits. Finally, big congratulations to Lorna for her recent Community Award, marking her work in honour of those from Shoreham who died in the First World War. *Santhosh, Kannan, Lorna and Prasanth*

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Do come along and support Shoreham's homegrown arts festival, come rain or shine. One ticket of £10 covers all the workshops, the play and the music. Children under 12 go free! Do please get in touch with Sarah Newman with any ideas or, even better, offers of help: sarahnewman125@btinternet.com. Keep checking www.shoreham-midsummerfestival.org for updates.

Sarah Newman

TALES FROM THE HILL

Patience and perseverance are qualities I struggle with, the difference between just doing a job and doing it well cannot be underestimated.

Leafing through a book of old farming photographs reminded me of the skill and patience that farming folk had in their work. I remember how potatoes and beet were stored in earth covered clamps in the fields where they were grown. Straw vents would be placed at intervals along the ridge of the clamp. These clamps would preserve the root crop for months. I recall some very naughty boys 'borrowing' a few spuds from a clamp to cook

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over a fire in the woods. The spuds were always burnt on the outside raw in the middle. Harvest time at Lomer farm in Meopham involved many men. I enjoyed watching some of them with shot guns surrounding the ever decreasing square of wheat, shooting the rabbits that made a dash for it. The highlight was the arrival of the steam engine that powered the threshing machine, which also provided ample hot water for the men's tea. The straw was stacked by a team of men. The worst job, Jack Brice told me, was that of the man who stood in a niche half way up the stack, "the hole in the wall." He had to catch the straw from the man below on his pitch fork and in one movement toss it up to the man on top. When the stack was made it was neatly thatched and a bit of fancy straw work embellished the ends.

Jack Brice knew the old ways of doing things, and most of them required stamina and patience. Those who weeded a field of wheat by hand were called thistle dodgers, Jack told me that at the age of fourteen the farm manager at Warren Farm walked Jack to the edge of a twenty acre field of wheat covered in thistles and wild oats, gave him a special hoe called a spud, and told him "to get on with it!" I suspect most of us would now crumple at the prospect.

Give Jack a sickle or a "brooshhook" as he called it, a sharpening stone and a hazel stick curved at one end and he would cut hedges and clear scrub neatly and methodically.

I can still visualise Jack examining a bird nest intrigued by its construction. He knew the nests as well as their builders.

Just a thought – If your only fuel was peat, how would you light the stuff with no paper? You would say an old Gaelic kindling blessing. "I will kindle the fire this morning, in the presence of the holy angels, without malice, jealousy, envy or fear of anyone under the sun"

John Bovington

SHOREHAM IN WORLD WAR 1

June 1918. The Vicar, Mr. Madge, to work with Christian Army in France for four months. Taken from The Shoreham Village Gazette.

LEST WE FORGET.

Thomas Upton is our next soldier, on The War Memorial who will be remembered on the 100th Anniversary of his death. The Royal British Legion will be at The War Memorial on Tuesday 26th June at 7pm to remember him with the short candle lit service. Please come and join us in remembering one of Shoreham's own.

WW1 CONCERT SATURDAY 23RD JUNE 6.45pm for 7.30pm

A reminder for all those who have bought tickets to hear The Henry Desmond Orchestra and Shoreham Royal British Legion's Concert; Doors will open from 6.45pm with The Concert starting at 7.30pm. There is a WW1 Exhibition and Shoreham RBL 70 years Exhibition at the back of the Church, plus a bar for refreshments. We are looking forward to seeing you at this Centenary Concert

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Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th June at 7.30pm, when we will be having a Demonstration by June Bryant and her dance fitness class. Do come along and watch the performance and join in the experience. Visitors welcome.

STOP PRESS:

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be on Thursday 14th June - do come and join us - Coffee/tea and cake on the menu. 10.00am to 12.00 noon at the Village Hall.

Sylvie Poynter

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Kate Britten

ROGUES

Our season began well with a trip to Shooters Hill, which offers a rolling parkland golf course with magnificent views over north Kent. The very warm weather and the frequency of our trips up and down the same Hill made it quite a demanding day.

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Woodlands Manor Golf Course, under a gentler sun and with the Eiger to climb only once, was less a test of endurance. This really is a hidden gem of a course and there have been many improvements since the new owners took over. The almost ideal conditions resulted in some high scoring and, as always in golf, plenty of mishaps and 'if onlys'. Winners were: David Smith (nearest the pin 1), Alan MacCartney (nearest the pin 2), Dave Crittenden (longest drive). The top scorers were: Martin Finch (1st), Fred Reed (2nd) and Chris Euman (3rd).

Our next fixture will be at West Malling on 15th June where we will be playing the Spitfire course. This has seen quite a few changes in the last couple of years, most recent has been the opening up of some of the tighter fairways. If we are lucky, we might catch the baby black and white woodpeckers on the 10th hole.

As always, we are a happy band of friends, both old and new, so if anyone would like to join us, do contact me on: christineeuman@yahoo.co.uk

CHURCH REFRESHMENT ROTA

3rd June	Chris and Gary Weaser
10 th June	Kate Howie
17 th June	Jasper and Erica Dale
24 th June	Pat Gillingham and Liz Harper

CHURCH FLOWERS

2nd June	Margaret Simmons
15 th June	Angela Bishop
29 th June	Ann Ball

VILLAGE DIARY JUNE 2018

5 th	Women's Institute	Village Hall	7.30pm
6 th	Parish Council	Village Hall	7.30pm
10 th	Shoreham Singers Concert	Church	7.30pm
14 th	Community Coffee Morning	Village Hall	10am – 12 pm
16 th	Temenos Concert	Church	7pm
23 rd	Horticultural Show	Village Hall	2pm
23 rd	Royal British Legion Concert	Shoreham Church	7.30 pm
24 th	Midsummer Festival	Quadrangle	2pm – 9pm
27 th	Over 60s	Garden Meeting	2.15pm car park

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